

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Secundy House  
1314 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland

Private Residence

c. 1900

The Secundy House is a neat, compact cottage with an exterior chimney and totally enclosed porch in Highland Beach. It is a typical example of the houses in the community that exhibit this size of dwelling. It substantively contributes to the documentation of space planning and architectural design in an extant African American settlement.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC      Secondy Cottage

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER      1314 Douglass Avenue      1

CITY, TOWN      Highland Beach      Annapolis      CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE      Maryland      Anne Arundel      COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE      ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL      ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL      ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT      ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT      ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL      ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY      ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME      Mrs. William Secundy

Telephone #:      267-6573

STREET &amp; NUMBER      3333 University Blvd.

CITY, TOWN      Kensington Heights      Maryland      STATE      zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL    ☐ STATE    ☐ COUNTY    ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AA-824

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Secundy Cottage is a small, one and one half storey home which has a completely enclosed porch. It has a gable roof and is finished with weather board siding. The front entrance is defined by a landscaped pathway which includes shrubery and a decorative, brick path.

Highland Beach is located about ten miles south of Annapolis on the Chesapeake Bay. The Secundy house is on a block which is bounded by Bay Avenue on the north, Bruce Avenue to the east, Douglass Avenue on the south, and Walnut Drive towards the West. The topography is sloped towards the Chesapeake Bay. This lot is one of the furthest points from the preferred Chesapeake Bay view; it has been cleared but evidence of extensive vegetation consisting of large trees, wild flowers and grasses can be discerned.

The cottage is a neat, compact unit which is typical of several similarly styled houses in the community. The three bay porch on the southern facade is totally enclosed and entered via a set of storm doors. The windows are modern horizontal, sash type with contrasting trim. The porch is covered with a hip roof which extends from the gable end of the second level.

A small dormer is cantilevered from the slope of the second level on the eastern view. Also, an exterior chimney and fire place is exhibited on this view.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	C. 1900	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(Please see "Highland Beach Settlement" survey form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE  
444-3225

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

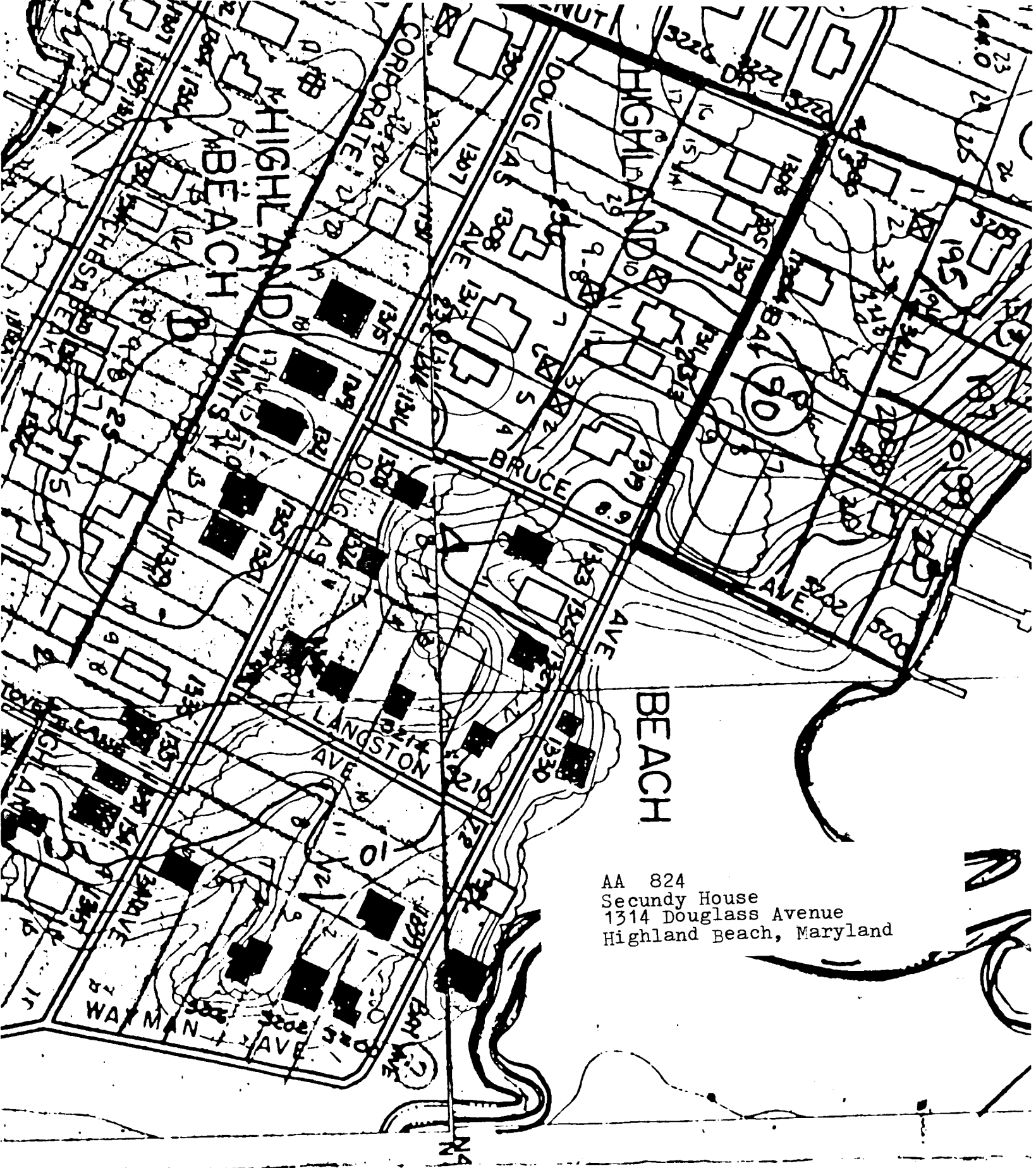
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STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Secundy House AA 824  
1314 Douglass Avenue  
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North elevation

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